GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN CGHS DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the patients have to face a lot of difficulties due to shortage of medicines in CGHS dispensaries; and

(b) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government to ensure availability of medicines in the CGHS dispensaries and prompt supply of medicines to the beneficiaries?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) &(b): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

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CGHS dispensaries supply the available medicines immediately to the patients.The medicines, which are not available in the dispensaries, are indented against individual prescription from the authorised local chemist attached to the concerned dispensary. The chemists supply the indented medicines to the dispensaries, which are then given to the patients. In case of emergency, an authority slip is issued to the patient for collecting the medicine directly from the authorised chemist.

Medical Store Organisation (MSO) generally procures medicines on the basis of a formulary in bulk, which are supplied to CGHS dispensaries on indent. A new comprehensive formulary of drugs has been recently approved for CGHS in order to streamline the supply of drugs to CGHS dispensaries so that the dependence on local purchase is minimised.Rates are being finalised for the drugs to be procured under the new formulary.